



## No less than 94 Vital Facilities were Targeted in April 2015

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### First: Executive Summary

94 vital facilities were targeted at least in the month of April. These were targeted by:

**Government forces:** 82

**Extremist groups**

- **Daesh:** three

**Armed opposition factions:** nine

The most notable facilities that were targeted were as follows:

23 houses of worship

19 medical points

15 schools

15 ambulances

10 markets

Four service facilities

Three vital centers

Two bakeries

One civil-defense center

One fire truck

One public facility

the Security Council failed to carry out Resolution 2139, adopted on 22 February, 2014, which states: “all parties immediately cease all attacks against civilians, as well as the indiscriminate employment of weapons in populated areas, including shelling and aerial bombardment, such as the use of barrel bombs.”, the Security Council should at least press on government forces to stop targeting vital places, which are usually crowded, such as schools, hospitals, markets, bakeries, and places of worships. In this report, SNHR highlights the documented attacks against vital facilities. It is worth noting that what we documented was the minimum due to the many practical obstacles we run across during our work.

SNHR affirms, through its investigations, that there were no military points or presence in these places before or during the attacks. The Syrian regime, and the crimes perpetrators, should justify their brutal attacks before the United Nations and the Security Council.





## Second: Detail

### A. Government forces

#### Houses of worship

1- On Friday 3 April, 2015, Ash-Shaikh Barkhal Mosque, in Idlib city, was targeted by government forces warplanes that destroyed it almost completely.

2- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, government forces targeted Ali bin Abi Taleb Mosque with multiple tank shells which fell near the mosque in Damascus suburbs – Al-Kiswaa city. The Mosque was heavily damaged.

3- On Sunday 5 April, government forces targeted Al-Ansar Mosque with tank shells in Damascus suburbs – Al-Kiswaa city. [The Mosque was heavily damaged and shut down.](#)

4- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, government forces targeted Osama bin Zaid Mosque with tank shells in Damascus suburbs – Al-Kiswaa city. The Mosque was shut down for one day [due to the damages.](#)



5- On Monday 6 April, 2015, government forces artillery targeted the minaret of the southern district mosque in Damascus suburbs – Madaya town with tank shells which [damaged the minaret.](#)

6- On Saturday 10 April, 2015, government forces warplanes fired two missiles against Ar-Raqqa city – Al-Morour neighborhood. The missiles fell near Al-Alou Mosque and destroyed it partially.

7- On Sunday 12 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a mosque in Idlib – Binnish city with a missile. The mosque was damaged and [destroyed partially.](#)

8- On Monday 13 April, 2015, government forces dropped a barrel bomb near Sukkar Mosque in Aleppo city – Bostan Al-Qaser neighborhood which killed seven people, including three women, in addition to destroying the mosque partially.

9- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a mosque in Idlib – Kourien town. The mosque was damaged.

10- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes Yassin Mosque in Aleppo – Hrietan city and [damaged it heavily.](#)

11- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted Aleppo city – Al-Kallasa neighborhood with a missile which fell near Al-Musalla mosque, killed seven people, and damaged the mosque slightly.





12- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces war-planes targeted a mosque in Kourien town in Idlib. The mosque roof was destroyed and the mosque was heavily damaged.

13- On Sunday 19 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near a mosque in Hama – Hamada Omar village. The mosque was destroyed partially.



14- On Tuesday 21 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on Al-Masjid As-Saghir in Idlib – Qmienas village which destroyed him almost completely.

15- On Friday 24 April, 2015, government force helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a mosque in Idlib – Ain Larouz village which killed four people and damaged the mosque.

16- On Friday 24 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted Aleppo – Der Hafer city with a surface-to-surface missile which fell near Ar-Rahman Mosque and damaged it.

17- On Tuesday 28 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near Khaled ben Al-Walid Mosque in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood. [The mosque was damaged and has been shut down.](#)

18- On Wednesday 29 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped barrel bombs, for the second day in a row, on Khaled ben Al-Walid Mosque in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood. The mosque was closed after the bombing on the first day.

19- On Wednesday 29 April, 2015, government forces warplanes bombed Al-Qabiya Mosque in Aleppo – Der Hafer city with a missile. The mosque was destroyed.

### **Medical points**

1- On Friday 13 March, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a medical center in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood. We didn't manage to document the attack until Friday 10 April, 2015 as we faced difficulties to find eyewitnesses and survivors in the neighborhood. We verified that a number of the medical staff members were [injured and large parts of the building were damaged.](#)

2- On Wednesday 1 April, 2015, government forces targeted Palestine Hospital in Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp with mortar shells. A number of the Palestinian Red Crescent staff members were injured. Also, the hospital was heavily damaged.

3- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, government forces targeted a medical point in Damascus suburbs – Al-Kisswa city with mortar shells. One of the shells fell directly on the medical points while two other shells fell nearby. [The medical point was destroyed almost completely](#) and it is now out of commission.





4- On Sunday 4 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) building in Homs – Ar-Rastan city. [The building was mediocrecly damaged.](#)

5- On Thursday 9 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on Palestine Hospital, affiliated to the Palestinian Red Crescent, in Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp. The highest floor was destroyed almost completely while the rest of the hospital was heavily damaged. However, no injuries were recorded.



6- On Sunday 12 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a clinic in Hama – Kafrzyta city which destroyed almost completely and it is now out of commission.



the Palestinian Red Crescent, in Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp

7- On Monday 13 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped an explosive container near Orient Medical Point in Idlib. [Many medical staff members were injured](#) in the attack and the building was [partially destroyed.](#)

8- On Wednesday 15 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped two barrel bombs on Al-Hassaka – Ash-Shdadi town. Four rooms were destroyed in the northern building and all the medical equipment was destroyed. Also, [part of the hospital fence was destroyed.](#)

9- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted Al-Karliton Hotel which was being used by the Syrian Arab Red Crescent as a center with a missile. The hotel, which is locted in Idlib city, was [damaged](#) and many of [its cars were burned.](#)

10- On Saturday 18 April, 2015, government forces fired a surface-to-surface missile which fell near the medical center in Aleppo city – Al-Kallasa neighborhood. The medical center was damaged by the missile.





11- On Saturday 18 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on [Al-Ihsan Hospital](#) in Idlib – Saraqeb city. A large part of the hospital building was [destroyed](#).



Al-Ehsan hospital - Saraqeb - Idlib

12- On Sunday 19 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near Abdulhalim Idrees Hospital in Aleppo city – [Al-Haydariya neighborhood](#). The hospital, which has been out of commission for a long time, was heavily damaged.

13- On Wednesday 22 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted [the National Hospital](#) in Aleppo – Hafer city with missiles which killed 21 victims and heavily damaged the hospital.

14- On Sunday 26 April, 2015, government forces fired two mortar shells that fell near a hospital in Damascus suburbs – Jayroud city. After people gathered, a third mortar shell was fired. Consequently, 11 people were killed and 20 others were injured while the hospital was slightly damaged.

15- On Tuesday 28 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on the Syrian Arab Red Crescent hospital and clinic in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood. [The bombing destroyed the hospital partially](#) and damaged the dialysis and x-ray sections which are now [out of commission](#).



Red Crescent hospital and clinic in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood

16- On Tuesday 28 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a [children’s hospital](#) “Qahtan Hospital” in Der Ezzor city – Ash-Shaikh Yassin neighborhood (after it was taken over by Daesh, the hospital’s name was changed to Aisha Hospital) with three missiles. [The hospital was destroyed almost completely](#) and is now [out of commission](#).

17- On Wednesday 29 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb, for the second time in a row, on [the Syrian Arab Red Crescent hospital and clinic](#) which was shut down due to the bombing on the first day.

### Schools

1- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a school in Idlib – Kafr Takharim city with a missile which damaged it.

2- On Monday 6 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on [Al-Mot-aseem School](#) in Aleppo city – Al-Firdous neighborhood which [damaged it](#).





3- On Monday 6 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted Al-Hekma Islamic School in Damascus suburbs – Douma city with a missile. The bombing killed four people including a child and a woman and additionally caused heavy damages.

4- On Saturday 11 April, 2015, government force helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on an elementary school in Homs – Izzdin town. The school was [partially destroyed](#).

5- On Sunday 12 April, 2015, government forces targeted [Ash-Shahid Ahmad Al-Eissa School](#) in Homs – Al-Wa’r neighborhood with explosive cylinder. The school building was [damaged](#).

6- On Sunday 12 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted [Sad Al-Anssari School](#), located in Aleppo – Al-Anssari neighborhood, with a thermobaric missile. 11 people, including four women, were killed in that attack. Also, a [part of the school fence](#) and a number of [rooms](#) were destroyed.



Sad Al-Ansari School - Halab - ALmashahad

7- On Monday 13 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on Aburrahman Al-Ghafaqi, Aleppo city – Salah Ad-Din neighborhood. [Parts of the school fence](#), as well as a number of rooms, were destroyed.



Abdurrahman Al-Ghaphiqi School

8- On Sunday 19 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a school in Idlib – Kourien town. The school was destroyed almost completely.

9- On Monday 20 April, 2015, government forces helicopters targeted a school in Idlib – Al-Mallaja village with heavy machine guns. A number of kids were wounded in the attack.

10- On Tuesday 21 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on [Sheryan Al-Hayat School](#), located in Idlib – Al-Mallaja village. The school building was [heavily damaged](#) and the school is now [out of commission](#).

11- On Friday 24 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted [Der Al-Assafir School](#), located in Damascus suburbs, with a missile. [Two classrooms were destroyed](#) and the school building was [damaged](#). However, no injuries were recorded as the school was empty.





12- On Sunday 26 April, 2015, government forces targeted Ash-Shahid Fawwaz Kan'an, located in Damascus suburbs – Jayroud city, with mortar shells which killed 11 victims and wounded 20 others. Also, the school building was damaged.

13- On Monday 26 April, 2015, government forces warplanes bombed a school in Idlib – Darkoush town with a number of missiles. 55 victims were killed while the school building was [damaged](#).

### Markets

1- On Wednesday 1 April, 2015, government forces targeted a sheep market, located in Homs – Twienan village. Three people and many sheep died.

2- On Saturday 11 April, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a vegetables market, located in Aleppo – Al-Ma'adi neighborhood. 26 people were killed, including six children and two women. In addition, many shops were destroyed.

3- On Tuesday 14 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a [market in Idlib](#) city where 11 people were killed and many shops were [destroyed](#).

4- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes [targeted a market](#), located in Idlib – Saraqeb city. Many shops were [destroyed](#) by the bombing.



5- On Sunday 19 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a urban market, located in Damascus suburbs – Douma city, with Gvozdika shells which wounded a number of people and [destroyed a number of shops](#).

6- On Saturday 25 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted the public street in Ash-Shdadi market in Al-Hassaka with two missiles which killed 10 victims, including a child, and wounded about 23 others. Also, 13 shops were [partially destroyed](#) and [six cars were burned](#).

7- On Sunday 26 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a market, located in Idlib – Darkoush town, with missiles which killed 55 victims and [destroyed a number of shops](#).

8- On Wednesday 29 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a market, located in Aleppo – Al-Bab city, with a missile which killed three people and wounded about 30 others. Also, a number of shops were [destroyed and several cars](#) were burned.





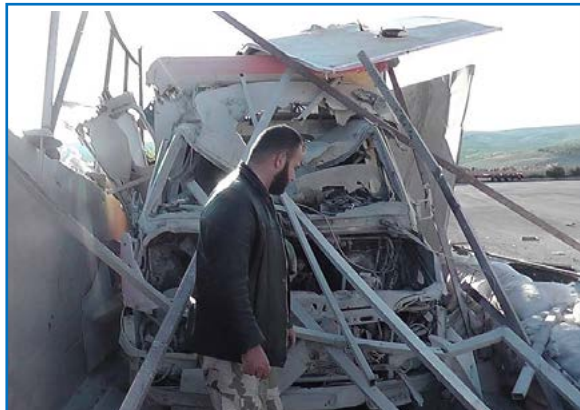
9- On Wednesday 29 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted an urban market, located in Aleppo – Der Hafer city, with a missile which killed four victims, including a woman. Also, a number of shops were [destroyed](#).

### Ambulances

1- On Sunday 4 April, 2015, government forces helicopters [dropped a barrel bomb](#) on an ambulance in Idlib – Saraqeb city which damaged it.

2- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, a government forces checkpoint at Ash-Shuhadda Circle opened fire against a SARC ambulance in Damascus suburbs – Al-Kiswa city. Two of the ambulance staff members were injured and the car was damaged.

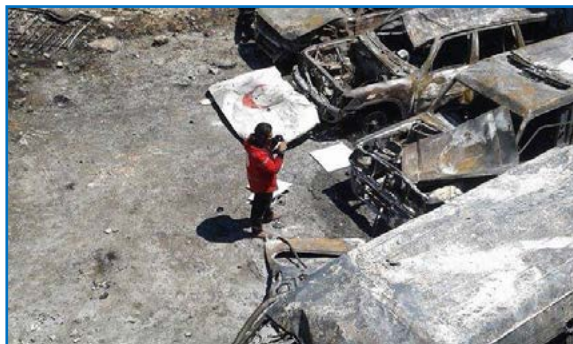
3- On Thursday 9 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on Palestine Hospital, affiliated to the Palestine Red Crescent, in Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp which damaged two [ambulances](#) as well as the hospital.



4- On Saturday 11 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted an ambulance, in Aleppo – Bab Al-Hadid neighborhood, with a missile which killed three medical staff members who were in the ambulance. Additionally, the ambulance was [damaged heavily](#).

5- On Monday 13 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped an explosive container on Orient Medical Point. Four [ambulances](#) were [damaged to a various degrees](#).

6- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted SARC center in Idlib city with a missile. Three [ambulances](#) were completely destroyed in that attack.



7- On Tuesday 28 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on three ambulances for SARC hospital and clinic which is located in Aleppo city – As-Sakhour neighborhood. The cars were heavily damaged.







### Service facilities

1- On Monday 6 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a building for the agriculture administration in Idlib – Az-Z'iniya village. One child was killed and the building was partially damaged.

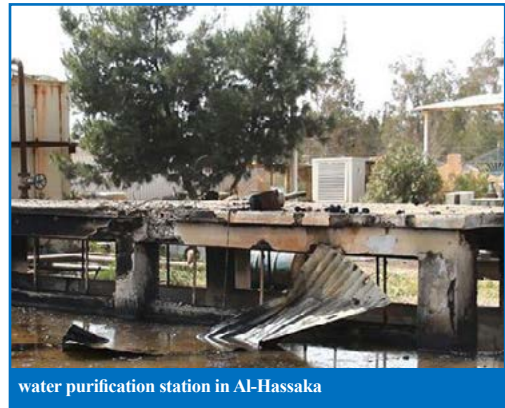
2- On Tuesday 7 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near the electricity company in Damascus – Al-Yarmouk camp. The building was moderately damaged.

3- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb near the Palace of Justice, which is located in Idlib – Ma'rat An-Nu'man city. The building was [heavily damaged](#).

### Vital centers

1- On Sunday 19 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a water purification station in Al-Hassaka – Ash-Shdadi city with two missiles. The station main generator was [destroyed](#) almost completely and the station is now out of commission.

2- On Saturday 25 April, 2015, government forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb on a water pumping line in Aleppo city – Ash-Sha'ar neighborhood. The line was destroyed and consequently the water station in Bab An-Nayrab neighborhood [stopped functioning](#).



### Bakeries

1- On Sunday 5 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a bakery, located in Idlib – Kafr Takharim city, which damaged it.

2- On Saturday 18 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted a bakery in Idlib city with a missile which heavily damaged it.

### Fire trucks

1- On Sunday 26 April, 2015, government forces targeted a fire truck, affiliated to the civil-defense team, in Idlib with a directed thermobaric missile. One of the firemen was killed while the [fire truck](#) was heavily damaged and rendered out of commission.





### **Civil-defense centers**

1- On Friday 17 April, 2015, government forces warplanes targeted the civil-defense center, in Aleppo – Al-Bab city, with two missiles which damaged the building and some of the vehicles. However, no injuries were recorded.

### **B. Extremist groups:**

#### **Daesh:**

#### **Houses of worship**

1- On Tuesday 7 April, 2015, Daesh detonated a bombed car near Al-Mustafa Mosque which is located in Aleppo – Marea' city. The Mosque minaret was [partially destroyed](#) and the building was [heavily damaged](#).

#### **Schools**

1- On Tuesday 7 April, 2015, Daesh detonated a bombed car near a school located in Aleppo – Hawwar Klies village. The school was partially damaged.

#### **Medical points**

1- On Friday 3 April, 2015, the administration of At-Taqwa Surgical Hospital in Al-Yarmouk camp announced that the hospital has become inoperative after Daesh took over the hospital and closed all ways leading to it. The decision was made, according to the hospital administration, because Daesh treated the hospital staff badly, only treated their fighters, and prevented any other wounded from getting admitted to the hospital.

### **C. Armed opposition factions**

#### **Houses of worship**

1- On Monday 6 April, 2015, an armed opposition artillery fired a shell that fell near Al-Imam Ismail mosque in Hama – As-Salmiya city. Seven civilians were killed, including two children, and 18 others were wounded. Also the mosque was damaged slightly.

2- On Wednesday 8 April, 2015, multiple mortar shells fell onto [the Armenian Catholic Archbishopric](#) in Aleppo – Al-Azizia neighborhood. Seemingly, the shells came from rebel-held areas. The bombing damaged [the Archbishopric heavily](#) while no injuries were recorded.

3- On Friday 10 April, 2015, two gas cylinders, fired from what appears to be a rebel-held area, fell onto the Maronite Archbishopric in Aleppo city – Al-Tall neighborhood. The church roof was [destroyed](#) and the building was heavily damaged. However, no injuries were documented

#### **Medical points**

1- On Monday 6 April, 2015, an armed opposition artillery, stationed at a rebel-held area, fired a shell that fell near a clinic in Hama – As-Salmiya neighborhood. Seven civilians were killed, including two children, and 18 others were wounded. Also, the clinic was damaged.





### Markets

1- On Monday 6 April, 2015, an armed opposition artillery, stationed at a rebel-held area, fired a shell that fell near a clinic in Hama – As-Salmiya neighborhood. Seven civilians were killed, including two children, and 18 others were wounded. Also, a [number of shops](#) were [destroyed](#).

### Vital centers

1- On Monday 7 April, 2015, two local-made missiles fell onto a car at [Jermana Gas Station](#) in Damascus suburbs – Jermana city. The missiles source was most likely from a rebel-held area. 5 civilians were wounded in the attack, a gas tank exploded, and the gas station was heavily damaged as well as a number of cars.

### Service facilities

1- On Wednesday 22 April, 2015, a local-made shell, fired apparently from a rebel-held area, fell near the transportation institution, located near Ar-Razi Bridge in Aleppo city. Two civilians were killed while others were wounded. Also, the institution fence was damaged.

### Schools

1- On Thursday 23 April, 2015, three gas cylinders, which were likely fired from a rebel-held area, on a IDPs centers (schools) in Idlib – Ariha city. One of the school fences was [damaged](#) because of the bombing.

## Third: Conclusions and recommendations

According to the Humanitarian International Law, purposed, indiscriminate, or disproportionate attacks are prohibited. Thus, government forces' targeting of schools, hospitals, churches, and bakeries is an utter disregard for the minimum standards of international law and the UN Security Council Resolutions.

Some of the extremist groups and other armed groups targeted a number of those facilities. The indiscriminate bombardment is a violation of the intentional humanitarian law and can be classified as a war crime.

### Recommendations

#### The Security Council

- 1- To bind the Syrian regime to respect Resolution 2139 by, at least, condemning the targeting of vital facilities that civilians need every day.
- 2- To enforce a comprehensive arms embargo on the Syrian regime considering its horrible violations of the international laws and the Security Council resolutions.
- 3- To consider the states that supply the Syrian regime with weapons and the groups involved in perpetrating crimes against civilians partners in these crimes as well as all weapon suppliers and distributors
- 4- States who support the armed opposition should stop supporting any factions that don't respect the international humanitarian law.

